



MEDIA RELEASE

Stabbing Arrest

SANTA BARBARA, CA – December 17, 2012

Anthony Ray Loza, age 31, of Goleta was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon, a felony, and possession of Clonazepam without a prescription and possession of a controlled substance (Tramadol) without a prescription, both misdemeanors.

On December 15, 2012, at 1:02 a.m., officers from the Santa Barbara Police Department responded to a call of a large fight in the vicinity of City Lot #11 which is located on the 500 block of Anacapa Street. Upon arrival Sergeant Mike Brown located a witness who informed him that two of the involved subjects had fled westbound on Haley Street and that one of them might have a knife. Sergeant Brown broadcast descriptions of these subjects to the other responding officers and they were immediately spotted walking quickly westbound on 00 W. Haley Street by Sergeant Kenny Kushner and Officer Nathan Beltran. When Sergeant Kushner and Officer Beltran attempted to contact the two subjects one of them, Loza, ran away northbound on 500 Fig Avenue. Loza ran to the rear of the Santa Barbara Brewing Company at 501 State Street and tried to enter the business through the back door. The door, however, was locked and Loza was caught and taken into custody. Loza's clothing was bloody and he was in possession of a folding knife that had blood on it. He was also in possession of several pills of prescription medications for which he did not have a prescription.

Loza's companion who did not flee, a 21-year old male from Santa Barbara, had facial injuries consistent with having been involved in a fight, which he denied. He was initially taken into custody and later released pending further investigation and review by the District Attorney's Office.

Officer Brian Sathre located a victim with a stab wound lying on the sidewalk on 00 E. Cota Street. The victim, a 24-year old Santa Barbara resident, had been slashed across the left side of his lower back. He was transported by paramedics to Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital for treatment.

Other involved parties were also contacted and the investigation of this incident is still continuing. None of the combatants has been cooperative with investigators. Thus far the investigation indicates that two groups of combatants had been inside EOS Lounge at 500 Anacapa Street prior to the incident and then became involved in a fight across the street in City Lot #11. This incident does not appear to be gang related.

Loza was booked into Santa Barbara County Jail on the aforementioned charges with a bail amount of \$30,000.00. Photo provided by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office.



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